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FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR AMB KEATING:

" IT'S WONDERFUL OF YOU TO HAVE COME OUT THIS WARM DAY TO WELCOME ME. I WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE SOONER AS A CONTESTANT IN THE MACCABIAH GAMES, BUT THE COACH OF OUR SWIMMING TEAM SAID I DIDN'T LOOK ENOUGH LIKE MARK SPITZ TO QUALIFY.

" IF MY RECOLLECTION IS RIGHT, THIS IS MY 10TH TIME IN ISRAEL. I COME NOW TO REMAIN A WHILE AMONG YOU, AND IN THIS THOUGHT, I AM VERY PLEASED. IN FACT, PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION TO SEND ME TO ISRAEL IS -- FOR ME, PERSONALLY -- THE HAPPY CULMINATION OF DECADES OF DEEP INTEREST IN THIS ANCIENT LAND AND AN ABIDING AFFECTION FOR ALL ITS PEOPLE.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND -- AND IN THE MIND OF OUR PRESIDENT -- WHICH OF MY TASKS ARE FOREMOST. THEY REMAIN AS FIRM AS THEY WERE 25 YEARS AGO WHEN ISRAEL JOINED THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS: TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND CONFIDENCE BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS, AND TO CONTRIBUTE, AS WE ARE ABLE, TO THE BUILDING OF A DURABLE AND JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR WALWORTH BARBOUR, GAVE GREATLY OF HIMSELF TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS. I CONSIDER MYSELF FORTUNATE THAT I HAVE BEFORE ME THE EXAMPLE OF HIS UNRELENTING DEDICATION.

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"THIS LAND IS NOW EMBARKED ON THE SECOND QUARTER OF A CENTURY

SINCE ITS MODERN REBIRTH AS ISRAEL. AMERICA'S AFFINITY FOR ISRAEL TOUCHES BOTH UPON ITS OLDNESS AND NEWNESS -- ON THE ONE HAND, FROM THE PROFOUND RELIGIOUS LINKS WE HAVE WITH THIS COUNTRY; ON THE OTHER, FROM OUR ADMIRATION FOR ISRAEL AS A DEMOCRATIC, PIONEERING AND SELF-RELIANT NATION.

" I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY, ABOUT ITS CONVERGENCE OF GREAT CULTURES, AND ABOUT ITS ASPIRATIONS. I ANTICIPATE -- AND WITH DELIGHT -- TRAVELING THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF ISRAEL TO RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS WITH OUR LEADERS AND TO MAKE NEW FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL AVENUES OF ISRAELI LIFE.

" I AM DELIGHTED TO BE AMONG YOU.

"TO-DAH-RA-BAH (THANK YOU VERY MUCH)."

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